<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method <u>to manage mass publication delivery, the method</u> comprising:

maintaining a database of registered electronic publications for a plurality of clients;

<u>receiving input from a user to place one or more of the registered electronic publications on one of a subscribed and unsubscribed list;</u>

configuring a set of clients to query the database to determine if a publication received ~~from a content publisher~~ is registered<u>, wherein the publication is from a content publisher and is addressed to at least one of the set of clients</u>; and

delivering the publication to an inbox associated with the <u>at least one of the set of clients</u> ~~client~~ if the publication is registered <u>and is on the subscribed list</u>.

2.   (Canceled).

3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] <u>1</u>, wherein the delivering includes delivering if the publication has not been placed on the unsubscribed list.

4.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising configuring each client to perform an authentication operation to authenticate the content publisher~~; and to deliver the publication if the content publisher has been authenticated~~.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the authentication operation comprises sending authentication information received from the content publisher to the server for verification of the authentication information.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the publication includes a mass email publication.

7.   (Currently amended) A computer-readable <u>storage</u> medium having stored there on a sequence of instructions which when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform a method <u>to manage mass publication delivery</u>, <u>the method</u> comprising:

maintaining a database of registered electronic publications for a plurality of clients;

<u>receiving input from a user to place one or more of the registered electronic publications on one of a subscribed and unsubscribed list;</u>

configuring a set of clients to query the database to determine if a publication received ~~from a content publisher~~ is registered<u>, wherein the publication is from a content publisher and is addressed to at least one of the set of clients</u>; and

delivering the publication to an inbox associated with the <u>at least one of the set of clients</u> ~~client~~ if the publication is registered <u>and is on the subscribed list</u>.

8.   (Canceled).

9.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim [[8]] 7,
wherein the delivery comprises delivering if the publication has not been placed on the
unsubscribed list.

10.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 7, the
method comprises configuring each client to perform an authentication operation to
authenticate the content publisher; and to deliver the publication if the content publisher
has been authenticated.

11.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,
wherein the authentication operation comprises sending authentication information
received from the content publisher to the server for verification of the authentication
information.

12.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein
the publication includes a mass email publication.

13.   (Currently amended) A system to manage mass publication delivery, the system
comprising:
        a processor; and

a memory coupled to the processor, the memory storing instructions which when

executed by the processor cause the process to perform a method, comprising:

maintaining a database of registered electronic publications for a plurality of

clients;

receiving input from a user to place one or more of the registered electronic

publications on one of a subscribed and unsubscribed list;

configuring a set of clients to query the database to determine if a publication

received ~~from a content publisher~~ is registered, wherein the publication is from a content

publisher and is addressed to at least one of the set of clients; and

delivering the publication to an inbox associated with the at least one of the set of

clients ~~client~~ if the publication is registered and is on the subscribed list.

14.   (Canceled).

15.   (Currently amended) The system of claim [[14]] 13, wherein the delivering

comprises delivering if the publication has not been placed on the unsubscribed list.

16.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 13, further comprising configuring

each client to perform an authentication operation to authenticate the content publisher;

~~and to deliver the publication if the content publisher has been authenticated~~.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the authentication operation comprises sending authentication information received from the content publisher to the server for verification of the authentication information.

18. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the publication includes a mass email publication.

19. (New) A method to filter electronic publication, the method comprising:

receiving at a client an electronic publication from a content publisher; and

determining if the content publisher has registered the publication at a system for a community of users, wherein the system maintains a database of registered publications, a subscribed list comprising publications for which a subscription is unblocked and thus allowed to reach an inbox of the client, and an unsubscribed list comprising publications for which a subscription is blocked and are to be deleted instead of being placed in the inbox of the client.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the determining if the content publisher has registered the publication at the system comprises:

computing a signature of the publication; and

sending the signature to the system to check if a signature corresponds to a registered publication.

21. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the system is remote from the client.

22. (New) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

placing the publication in an inbox of the client if the publication is registered at the system and is on the subscribed list.

23. (New) A method to manage mass publication deliver, the method comprising:

maintaining a database of registered publications;

receiving a request from a client to determine if a publication identified in the request is registered;

checking if the publication is registered; and

sending a result of the checking to the client.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

receiving input from a plurality of separate clients; and

computing an index for each registered publication based on the input, wherein the index provides an indication of how many users in a community of users have indicated that the registered publication is unwanted.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising sending the index to the client.